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Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

1. Patent application, including 51 pages of specification (including 36 claims, and an abstract), of Frank H. Portugal, Rita R. Colwell, Anwarul Huq, and Afzal Chowdhury;
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